

LITERARY NOTES.

"A clever first novel," says *The Literary World*, "does not necessarily prove more than that the author has kept a little note-book."

VERN SASSUITSCH, the Russian Nihilist, is associate editor of the Paris *Comune*. The first article appeared recently, signed "Citizen Sassuitsch." It dealt with the revolutionary movement in Russia.

"The home of Arnes and Joanna Baillie, on Windmill Hill, Hampstead, is to be sold," says *The White-hall Review*. "There are still some few people remaining their receptions, and now the streets of the village used to be crowded on their afternoons during the season by visitors, collectors, and sedan chairs from town and country. To the visitors lie side by side in Hampstead churchyard, their joint ages being a hundred and ninety years. Pretty good for literary workers!"

Mr. Thomas M. Johnson, of Oscoda, Mo., who is convinced that the world of to-day is all wrong, announces a monthly magazine called *The National*, whose aim shall be to set the world right. The prospectus affirms that "in this degenerated age, when the sensuous are apostathized, materialism absurdly considered philosophy, folly and ignorance popularized, and the dictum, 'get money, eat, drink and be merry,' is the motto, we must, excepting the achievements of manhood, there certain needs of society for a journal which shall be a standard, bold and fearless exponent of truth, a philosopher totally subservient of reason, materialism, folly and ignorance."

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